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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Marlene H. Dortch,
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554.

**RE: In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company
Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45 (DA 03-2957)**

***NARUC's Re-nomination of North Carolina Commissioner Jo Anne Sanford to
the position on the USAC Board as outlined in the FCC's Notice captioned***

Dear Secretary Dortch,

In the FCC's September 26, 2003 notice in the above captioned proceeding, the Commission states: "In order to expedite the appointment process, members of the relevant industry group are encouraged to nominate a single candidate who possesses substantial experience in, and knowledge of, telecommunications issues."

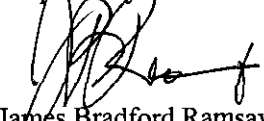
In accordance with Section 25 of NARUC's *Policy Governing Committees and Representatives*, NARUC's President, Georgia's Commissioner Stan Wise, hereby nominates **NORTH CAROLINA COMMISSIONER JO ANNE SANFORD** to continue to represent NARUC in the current position.

The notice also instructs NARUC to provide professional and biographical information, such as a resume or professional biography on our proposed nominee. Commissioner Jo Anne Sanford's professional biography is attached to this letter. She has, as NARUC most recent nominee, already served on the Board as the State commissioner representative. Also consistent with the notice's instructions, we are filing four copies of this document with the secretary and also sending two copies 1st class mail to: Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 - 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A422, Washington, DC 20554. We have also e-mailed copies to the Office of the Chairman, the Secretary, Ms. Todd, and Wireline Competition Bureau Chief Bill Maher.

Through a clerical error, this filing was not submitted by the posted October 27, 2003 deadline. NARUC respectfully requests any waivers needed to make this nomination "out-of-time"

If you have any questions about this nomination, please do not hesitate to call me at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Respectfully Submitted


James Bradford Ramsay
General Counsel

The Honorable Jo Anne Sanford
Chair, North Carolina Utilities Commission

Prior to joining the Commission on July 19, 1995, Chairman Sanford spent 20 years with the North Carolina Attorney General's Office. As Special Deputy Attorney General, she was the head of the Utilities and Insurance Section, which represented the Department of Insurance, the State Health Plan, the Secretary of State, the Auditor, the Secretary of Commerce, and consumers and state agencies in utilities matters. Earlier assignments in the Attorney General's Office were in the areas of environmental, energy and Indian law. She chaired the 1994 Department of Justice Combined Campaign and Department of Justice Insurance committees.

Sanford, a Democrat, was born October 18, 1950, in Laurinburg, North Carolina, and is a 1968 graduate of Randleman High School. She graduated with honors from North Carolina State University in 1972 with a B.A. in Political Science, then from the School of Law at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, in 1975 with a J.D. and attended the Kennedy School of Government, July 2002. She was appointed Chair of the Commission by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. on February 1, 1997, and was reappointed to a four-year term July 1, 1997. Governor Michael F. Easley appointed her to second term as Chair in June 2001; her term as Commissioner expires June 30, 2003.

Professional affiliations include the North Carolina Bar Association, the Wake County Bar Association, the 10th Judicial District Bar, the Susie Sharp Inn of Court, and Women Executives in State Government. She chairs a subcommittee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Communications Committee and is a member of the NARUC Executive Committee. She is one of three state appointees to the Federal Communications Commission's North American Numbering Council and she also serves with the five FCC Commissioners on a Joint Conference established to promote the deployment of broadband services to all parts of the country. As Commission Chair, Sanford is an *ex officio* member of the North Carolina Tax Review Board, Energy Policy Council, Agency for Public Telecommunications, and Geographic Information Systems Board.

Chairman Sanford also chairs the Trinity United Methodist Church Board of Trustees and is a member of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Oakwood, Capital Area Preservation, and North Carolina State University's Graduate School Board of Advisors. She is a recipient of the Wake County YWCA 1998 Academy of Women designation and the 1999 Distinguished Women of North Carolina award for government service.

Sanford and her husband, William E. (Billy) Brewer, Jr., have one daughter.